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SUBJ: FIVE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CREW MEMBERS OF SHIP JUNSANG TRADER

REF: A. KUALA LUMPUR 3685; B. KUALA LUMPUR 4832; C. KUALA LUMPUR 4915

- 1. "NEW STRAITS TIMES," LOCAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER, CARRIES FOLLOWING STORY DATELINE 20 AUGUST ON FIVE CREW MEMBERS OF JUNSANG TRADER WHO WERE LET OFF SHIP AFTER 18 MUTINEERS SEIZED SHIP TO RETURN TO SVN.
- 2. MALAYSIAN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO RE-LEASE SOUTH VIETNAMESE SKIPPER AND FOUR CREW MEMBERS, BUT THEY WILL ONLY BE RELEASED FROM PRISON WHEN A COUNTRY AGREES TO TAKE THEM. CAPTAIN BUU HANH, 43, AND MOTHER FOUR BEING HELD FOR ENTERING COUNTRY ILLEGALLY.
- 3. FIVE CREW MEMBERS HAVE CONTACTED AMERICAN EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR TO ARRANGE TO JOING THEIR WIVES WHO FLED TO U.S. AFTER COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN SAIGON.
- 4. NO CHARGES WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST THEM AS MALAYSIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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IMMIGRATION IS SATISFIED WITH THEIR STORY. MUTINEERS,

ALSO SOUTH VIETNAMESE, SEIZED SHIP IN PENANG ROADS LAST WEEK AND SET COURSE FOR SAIGON. WHILE PASSING WEST COAST OF MALAYSIA NEAR JOHORE, THEY GAVE LIFE BOAT AND RATIONS TO FIVE CREW MEMBERS AND LET THEM OFF. FIVE MADE WAY TO KUKUP WHERE THEY GAVE THEMSELVES UP TO POLICE.

5. COMMENT. CONTACT WITH EMBASSY (PARA 3) HAS BEEN THROUGH SHIPOWNER'S REP SANCHELLI. THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND SUBJECTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED. PLS ADVISE ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT FIVE CREW MEMBERS. REFTEL B PROVIDED INFO VISAS FALCON NAMECHECK.
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